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buildings, its official display, and as an aid to the manufacturing and commercial features. Thus far no announcement has been made of the sum likely to be set aside for use at St. Louis, but, from assurances given by the emperor, that for the purpose of illustrating every phase of its artistic, manufacturing, agricultural and industrial development Germany would make at St. Louis the finest exhibit ever shown from that country, the conclusion has been reached that at least 4,000,000 Marks will be set aside for this purpose.

MOUNT McKinley, the highest mountain on the North American continent, was visited last season by Alfred H. Brooks and his party from the United States Geological Survey, of which Mr. D. L. Reaburn was topographer. As far as is known, this is the first time the slopes of the peak have been reached by white men, though in 1898 its altitude and moisture were determined from a distance by Robert Muldrow, of the same survey. The mountain is located near the western margin of the Alaskan Range, the general name given to the large mountain mass which separates the Yukon and Kuskokwim waters from Cook Inlet drainage. It is a great dome-shaped mountain, formed of intrusive rock, towering to an elevation of over 20,000 feet above the sea level. Though its summit reaches so high an altitude, almost four miles above tide, it probably is not as difficult of ascent as some other Alaskan mountains, for example, Mount St. Elias, because of its relatively high snow line. As the season was well advanced, as much of his itinerary had still to be carried out, and as it was no part of the original plan, Mr. Brooks did not attempt to pass the snow line, though this point was reached. Now that the location and height of the mountain have been established by the exploration of the Geological Survey, travelers and individual explorers will doubtless soon attempt to reach the summit. In anticipation of these attempts, Mr. Brooks is preparing a description of the country, giving routes by which the mountain may be reached and other information valuable to those interested in its ascent. His paper will appear in one of the

leading geographical magazines. The more elaborate and extended report of the exploration will be published by the Geological Survey at an early date.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It is announced that during the past two years an endowment fund of more than \$1,000,000 has been raised for Syracuse University.

By the will of the late Mrs. Lura Courrier, of New York City, Yale University will ultimately receive \$50,000 for the aid of poor students.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY will celebrate its founder's day on January 28, when its new professional school building, costing over \$900,000, will be dedicated. President Hadley, of Yale University, will deliver the dedicatory address, taking as his subject, 'The Place of the Professional School in the Modern University, and its Relation to the Other Departments.'

THE electrical laboratory of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., has been almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at over \$30,000.

WE learn from *Nature* that the reader in geography and the lecturers in ethnology and geology of Cambridge University have arranged for a series of lectures and practical courses to serve as a training for persons wishing to undertake exploration or desirous of contributing to our knowledge of foreign countries. The series will be held during the Lent term, and will include history of geographical discovery, principles of physical geography, map-making and map-reading, geography of Europe, by Mr. Oldham; anthropogeography, practical ethnology, by Professor Haddon; geomorphology and geology, by Mr. Marr; plane-table and photographic surveying, by Mr. Garwood, and elementary astronomical surveying, by Mr. Hinks.

KENYON K. BUTTERFIELD, instructor in rural sociology at the University of Michigan, has been appointed to the presidency of the Rhode Island State College of Agriculture, at Kingston.